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Letter dated 4 February 1993 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I am instructed by the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization, which retains the powers and responsibilities of the Provisional Government of Palestine, to bring the following to your attention.

Several media organizations reported statements made by Mr. Yitzhak Rabin before the Israeli Parliament with regard to the "agreement" made between Israel and the American Administration on the issue of deportation. The New York Times of 4 February 1993 reported that the Prime Minister stated "that his agreement with the United States to bring back a quarter of the 400 Palestinians banished to Lebanon had preserved his right to deport hundreds of more people in the future". Such statements compound the reasons for the international community to reject such kinds of "agreements", drawn up without the knowledge of the Security Council.

The Security Council, in its unanimously adopted resolution 799 (1992), reaffirmed the applicability of the Fourth Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949 1/ to all the Palestinian territories occupied by Israel since 1967, including Jerusalem, and affirmed that deportation of civilians

constitutes a contravention of Israel's obligations under the Convention. In addition, the resolution demanded that Israel, the occupying Power, ensure the safe and immediate return to the occupied territories of all those deported.

Accordingly, we reiterate our belief that this "agreement" is not in compliance with resolution 799 (1992) and does not fulfil the demand made by the Security Council in that resolution. Furthermore, acceptance of it will be tantamount to legitimizing deportation. We also firmly believe that the Security Council is duty-bound to consider immediately the report dated 25 January 1993 submitted by the Secretary-General. 2/ In resolution 799 (1992), the Council decided to keep the matter actively under review, and it should therefore do so.

I would be grateful if you could arrange to have the text of the present letter distributed as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 30, 35, 73 and 74, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nasser AL-KIDWA
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Notes

1/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 75, No. 973.

2/ S/25149.